

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 911
By Walker (Blount)

A RESOLUTION to honor Patrick Bowerman, 1998 Salutatorian of
William Blount High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Bowerman is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as salutatorian of the 1998 graduating class at William Blount High School in Maryville, finishing second in a class of 296; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Patrick has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, Patrick has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Patrick has demonstrated his ongoing commitment to civic involvement and good citizenship as a valuable four-year member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as an important member of the Beta Club, which he serves astutely as an Executive Board Member, as an integral part of Mu Alpha Theta, which he serves as secretary, as a four-year member of the Junior Classical League, and many other fine organizations too numerous to mention; and

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WHEREAS, Patrick also generously contributes his time and talents to numerous worthwhile civic and charitable causes, including Toys for Tots, Coats for the Cold, Clean Alcoa and the Back Yard Bible Club; and

WHEREAS, he has served his peers with acumen and integrity as an astute member of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Patrick has earned distinction as a Tennessee Valley Scholar and has received Academic Letters in Math, Science and English during his outstanding academic career; and

WHEREAS, this stellar scholar received the prestigious National English Merit Award this year; and

WHEREAS, Patrick is also an accomplished athlete who has been a valuable three-year member of the school's varsity baseball team; he has demonstrated his remarkable leadership qualities as the team's captain during his superlative senior season; and

WHEREAS, this exceptionally well-rounded young man has been honored as All-Blount County in baseball and has received the TSSAA Student Athlete Award of Merit; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 William Blount High School Salutatorian, Patrick Bowerman, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.